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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service. I beg you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable; which is already creeping out of my budget quickly.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair. I track all of my time when I call long distance to "stay within my budget".

I use my wireless phone for safety and security. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. Please help us.

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Sincerely,

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